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CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACIES, INC.

**Testimony of Carrie Rand-Anastasiades
Before the Government Administration and Elections Committee
SB 427 AAC Government Administration**

Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. My name is Carrie Rand-Anastasiades and I am the executive Director for the Connecticut Association of Community Pharmacies. We represent chain pharmacies around the State such as Walgreens, Stop & Shop, and PriceChopper to name a few.

For years the chain pharmacy community has had representation on the Board of Pharmacy. They, along with Drug Control, are the front line regulators of our industry. We have worked diligently with this Board to propel our industry forward and to make important changes for the good of the patients that use our healthcare services. Currently chain pharmacies fill approximately 75% of prescriptions in Connecticut. There was always a "gentleman's" agreement that the two retail positions on the Board would be filled by both business models, chain and independent. When the chain representative recently stepped down, a second independent retail pharmacist was appointed.

Because our business model is different than that of an independent it is very important to our community that we be represented on the Board of Pharmacy. It is for this reason we are seeking to change the law to reflect positions for chain and independent retail representatives. Because replacement Commissioners have already been appointed by the Malloy administration we seek amendment to the bill before you, augmenting the Board to seven members. We will work diligently with those that have been appointed but feel it is of great importance chain pharmacies have a seat at the table. If you have any questions or concerns, I would be more than happy to discuss them with you. Thank you for your consideration.

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